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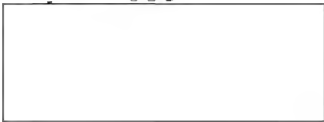
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NATO-SPAIN: Lobbying for Full Integration

//NATO Allies are urging the Spanish Socialists--who will be taking office in Madrid this week--to move ahead with the military integration of Spain into the Alliance.// [redacted]

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//The French, acting through government and party-to-party channels, reportedly are encouraging Spanish Socialist leaders to proceed with full integration. They are arguing that circumstances have changed since France withdrew from NATO's integrated command structure in 1966 and that membership will help the Spanish military adjust to democracy. The French believe the Spanish are unaware of the extent of France's participation in NATO planning and exercises.// [redacted]

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//A West German official says Bonn has instructed its Embassy in Madrid to engage the Socialists in a dialogue. It is to focus on the need for military integration.// [redacted]

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Comment: //Spanish Socialist leaders have been maintaining the new government will freeze the integration process and take its time deciding what to do. These bilateral overtures may be persuasive, however, especially those delivered by fellow Socialists.// [redacted]

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//The Spanish Socialists may be particularly impressed by the French approach. They have considered France's limited participation a possible model for Spain. Paris evidently does not want the Alliance weakened by a proliferation of members seeking a special status like its own.// [redacted]

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//There is general agreement among the Allies that a low-key approach, giving the new government time to confront the issues involved in membership, is most likely to pay off. They are aware, in any case, that there is little they can do if Spain fails to proceed with integration. Most Allies seem inclined merely to let the Spanish know they will be unable to reap the potential benefits of belonging to NATO if they fail to accept military responsibilities.// [redacted]

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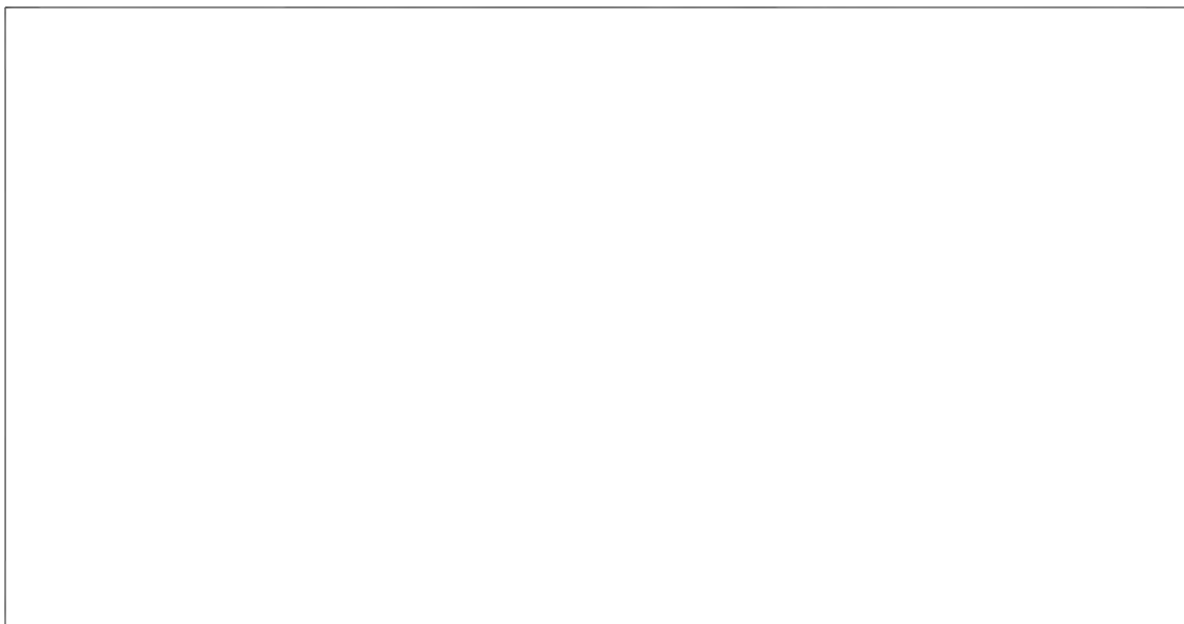
USSR: New Railroad Minister

The media in Moscow announced on Monday that the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet had released Ivan Pavlovskiy as Minister of Railroads. He has been replaced by former First Deputy Minister Konarev. 

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Comment: General Secretary Andropov last week criticized railroad performance in his speech at the Central Committee plenum. Since 1979, the late President Brezhnev had frequently criticized the declining effectiveness of Soviet railroads. The rail sector's inability to meet transportation requirements has caused widespread shortages of industrial materials in every major sector of the economy. The firing of Pavlovskiy within a week of Andropov's criticism puts bureaucrats on notice that the new regime is serious about improving managerial efficiency. 

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SEYCHELLES: Improving Relations With the West

Leftist President Rene recently has indicated he wants better relations with the West. In November he replaced his pro-Soviet Foreign Minister with a more pragmatic official who has had extensive dealings with Western countries. The new Foreign Minister and several other cabinet ministers have asked the US to resume naval port calls, which were terminated in 1979 when Seychelles began requiring ships to declare they carried no nuclear weapons. Seychelles usually had voted with the USSR in the UN, but recently it has abstained on three important votes of interest to the US. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The new tone of Rene's foreign policy is designed to attract greater Western aid and economic involvement in Seychelles. The government, which survived an Army mutiny in August, faces an economic crisis and growing discontent. [REDACTED]

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URUGUAY: Impact of Party Elections

The victory of antigovernment factions in the party elections on Sunday could complicate the planned transition to civilian rule. According to official returns, candidates loyal to exiled Blanco Party leader Ferreira won 64 percent of the party's vote, while 60 percent of the Colorado Party vote went to two other prominent anti-military factions. The heavy turnout of Blanco Party voters makes it Uruguay's largest party.

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Comment: Many military leaders are hostile to Ferreira because he reputedly has been sympathetic to leftist Tupamaro terrorists. The strength of antimilitary sentiment could be a setback for President Alvarez, a former Army general, who had hoped to run for reelection in 1984.

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